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SUBJECT: INITIAL FRG REACTION TO US-SOVIET JOINT
COMMUNIQUE AND STATEMENT

1. THE INITIAL REACTION WITHIN THE DISARMAMENT SECTION
OF THE GERMAN FONOFF HAS BEEN- FAVORABLE TO THE
NOVEMBER 24 US-SOVIET JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND STATEMENT.
FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH BELIEVES THAT IF AN
AGREEMENT CAN BE NEGOTIATED IN GENEVA BASED ON THE
STATEMENT, IT WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS STEP FORWARD TOWARDS
A STABILIZATION OF THE RISK OF ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN
THE SUPER POWERS.

2. AMBASSADOR ROTH RAISED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE
SECRETARY'S NEWS CONFERENCE. FIRST, IN PART II OF THE
COMMUNIQUE, ROTH NOTED THAT THE WORD "GUARANTEES" WAS
USED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THIS
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WAS THE FIRST TIME IT HAD EVER BEEN USED IN SUCH A

CONTEXT. HE SAID QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED AS TO PRECISELY WHAT "GUARANTEES" ARE INVOLVED. AMBASSADOR ROTH STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT JUST THINKING OF A NEGATIVE CONNOTATION.

3. IN NOTING THAT THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE SALT-I AGREEMENT REGARDING THE SIZE OF HEAVY ICBM'S WOULD ALSO CARRY OVER INTO THE NEW AGREEMENT, ROTH POSED THE QUESTION WHETHER OTHER NEW HEAVY ICBM'S CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHAT WOULD BE THE DEFINITION OF HEAVY ICBM'S WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A SPECIFIC SUBCEILING WITHIN THE OVERALL AGGREGATE NUMBER?

4. IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS BRIEFING ON THE US-USSR NUCLEAR ACCORD, HE STATED THAT "CERTAIN OTHER CATEGORIES OF WEAPONS THAT WOULD HAVE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS..." WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELIVERY VEHICLES. AMBASSADOR ROTH SPECULATED THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO CRUISE MISSILE SYSTEMS OR MOBILE ICBM SYSTEMS.

5. REGARDING FBS, ROTH NOTED THAT IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO HAVE GIVEN UP RAISING THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. HE BELIEVES THE WAY MAY NOW BE OPEN IN MBFR FOR CONSIDERING INCLUSION OF FBS, BUT THAT THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE TO WAIT FOR THE USG LEAD ON UNDERTAKING SUCH AN INITIATIVE.

6. COMMENT: THE FRG IS OBVIOUSLY VERY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE NUCLEAR ACCORDS. ROTH HIMSELF IS PREPARING AN ASSESSMENT FOR FONMIN GENSHER ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE

DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE WITH REGARD TO THE POINTS RAISED BY ROTH WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. END
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